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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL TASK FORCE

REF: CARACAS 7001

1. DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED POST RECOMMENDATION THAT
CARACAS COMMERCIAL TASK FORCE BE EXTENDED FROM THE END OF
FY-78 UNTIL THE END OF FY-79.

2. DEPARTMENT VERY PLEASED WITH THE FIRST YEAR OPERATION
OF THE TASK FORCE. IT HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN INVOLVING
U.S. BUSINESS IN A NUMBER OF EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE PROJECTS
AND HAS BUILT UP A DATA BANK ON MANY PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

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IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT FY-78 WILL ALSO PROVE TO BE A PRODUC-
TIVE YEAR FOR U.S. EXPORTS IN VIEW OF PROJECTED VENEZUELAN
MARKET CONDITIONS.

3. SINCE VENEZUELA NOW RANKS AS THE NINTH LARGEST MARKET
FOR U.S. EXPORTS AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE ITS RAPID
ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS, CONDITIONAL

EXTENSION OF THE TASK FORCE IS APPROVED UNTIL THE END OF
FY-79. THE CONDITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A) POST SHOULD SUBMIT RECORD OF PRINCIPAL TASK FORCE
ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING FY 1978 SO THAT THE

EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TASK FORCE CAN BE CAREFULLY EVALUATED
BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE JUNE 30, 1978. THE POST SHOULD
INCLUDE SPECIFIC CONCLUSIONS REGARDING THE NEED FOR THE
VERY SUBSTANTIAL COMMERCIAL RESOURCES DEVOTED TO VENEZUELA.

B) THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE (2 AMERICANS AND 2 FSLs)
WHOSE POSITIONS WILL BE ABOLISHED WITH ITS EXPIRATION,
SHOULD CONTINUE TO WORK EXCLUSIVELY ON TASK FORCE MATTERS
AND NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE ROUTINE WORK OF THE COMMERCIAL
SECTION. THIS POINT IS EMPHASIZED SO THAT THE EFFECTIVE-
NESS OF THE TASK FORCE CAN BE CLEARLY DELINEATED IN THE
REPORT NOTED ABOVE.

4. WITH REFERENCE TO PARAGRAPH FOUR OF REFTEL, POST STATES
THAT QUOTE COMSEC STAFFING LEVEL UNTIL THE ADVENT OF THE
CTF HAS BEEN STATIONARY SINCE 1965 DESPITE A FOUR-FOLD
INCREASE IN U.S.-VENEZUELA TRADE END QUOTE. AS POST IS
AWARE, HOWEVER, TASK FORCE POSITION NO. 2U-204 IS A
PERMANENT POSITION AND REPRESENTS A NET INCREASE IN
PERMANENT COMMERCIAL SECTION STAFFING.
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5. PER REFTEL PARAGRAPHS 6 AND 7, ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL
TO TASK FORCE STAFFING IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW AND WILL
BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL. CHRISTOPHER

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